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SUBJECT: SOVIET MESSAGE TO CARRILLO REAFFIRMS MOSCOW'S
POSITION

1. PRAVDA APRIL 19 CARRIES GREETINGS FROM THE SOVIET
PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO THE SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY
(PCE) CONGRESS. THE MESSAGE CONTAINS NO DIRECT CRITICISM
OF EITHER CARRILLO OR THE PCE BUT POINTEDLY REASSERTS THE
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BASIC ELEMENTS OF MOSCOW'S POSITION IN THE EUROCOMMUNISM
DISPUTE IN UNCOMPROMISING AND UNMISTAKABLY DIRECT
LANGUAGE.

2. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT POINTS ARE THE FOLLOWING:

-- THE MESSAGE IS CLEARLY ADDRESSED TO THE RANK AND FILE

OF THE PCE, OMITTING ANY REFERENCE WHATSOEVER TO THE PCE LEADERSHIP. IT REFERS REPEATEDLY TO THE "SPANISH COMMUNISTS" RECALLING THEIR HISTORICAL TIES TO "THE SOVIET PEOPLE," "SOVIET COMMUNISTS," AND "THE PARTY OF LENIN," THE CPSU.

-- THE "VANGUARD ROLE" OF THE SOVIETS IN SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST "CONSTRUCTION" IS EMPHASIZED AS IS THE SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HISTORICAL "EXPERIENCE" OF THE USSR AND THE CORRECTNESS OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY.

-- EARLY ON THE MESSAGE POINTEDLY UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE OF "THE SCIENTIFIC THEORY OF MARXISM-Leninism" IN DIRECTING THE ACTIVITIES OF COMMUNIST PARTIES AS IS SHOWN BY "THE EXPERIENCE OF HISTORY" AND THE FINAL WORDS ARE A RINGING SALUTE TO "MARXISM-Leninism."

-- IT REAFFIRMS THE NEED FOR STRENGTHENING OF THE "COMMUNIST AND WORKERS' PARTIES" AND OTHER "DEMOCRATIC, ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCES" AND FOR DECISIVELY REJECTING "ANY ATTEMPTS TO OR WEAKEN THE POSITION OF SOCIALISM."

-- AFTER PROCLAIMING SOLIDARITY WITH "SPANISH COMMUNISTS" THE MESSAGE ASSURES THEM OF CPSU CONTINUED ADHERENCE TO "THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONALISM."
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-- AFTER RECALLING THE "TRADITIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR PARTIES," THE FINAL NOTE PROCLAIMS THE CPSU IN FAVOR OF "FRIENDSHIP WITH THE PCE" AND FOR "FRATERNAL RELATIONS" ON THE BASIS OF THE "NORMS AND PRINCIPLES FIXED" IN THE 1976 BERLIN CONFERENCE DOCUMENT AND THE BILATERAL PARTY COMMUNIQUE OF OCTOBER 16, 1974.

3. COMMENT: GIVEN THE DISPUTE BETWEEN THE PCE LEADERSHIP AND THE CPSU THE MESSAGE COULD NOT BE MORE CLEAR THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT BENT IN THE SLIGHTEST TO ACCOMMODATE THE CRITICISMS OF CARRILLO. AS IN PAST SOVIET PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO THE PCE, THERE IS AN UNMISTAKABLE ATTEMPT TO BY-PASS THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP AND APPEAL TO WHATEVER PRO-SOVIET SENTIMENT EXISTS AMONG THE PCE RANK AND FILE.

4. IT IS PROBABLY THIS LATTER, RATHER THAN ANY ATTEMPT TO "REASON" WITH CARRILLO AND THE PCE LEADERSHIP, WHICH EXPLAINS THE LACK OF DIRECT CRITICISM IN THE MESSAGE. THE MESSAGE SIGNALS TO THE "SPANISH COMMUNISTS," THE

REAL ONES WHO THE SOVIETS MUST HOPE ARE AMONG THE PCE
CONGRESS DELEGATES, THAT SOVIET ORTHODOXY IS UNCHANGED.
AT THE SAME TIME IT GIVES CARRILLO LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO
USE THE MESSAGE TO RALLY DELEGATES TO HIS DEFENSE AGAINST
A CPSU ATTACK. A PRO-FORMA OLIVE BRANCH IS EVEN EXTENDED
SHOULD CARRILLO CARE TO CAPITULATE COMPLETELY AND ACCEPT
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